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1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Mr. Kain	State
Colonel Picknell	Army
Major Jacobson	Army
Lieut. Madden	Navy
25X149a Major Malone	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)

2. Chapter IX Outline

The Army member reported concurrence of his agency in the proposed revision to Chapter IX Outline (refer to NIS Committee Meetings No. 175 and 176). However, the Army member questioned the advisability of developing the new Section 92, comprising maps and preface, as a separate section. The Chairman said that it was desirable to do so since some of the maps referred to both Sections 90 and 91, while other maps were not considered in either section. The inclusion of a preface on how to use the maps would also be helpful to the users. It was not intended that the new Section 92 would be used separately from the remainder of the Chapter, which would continue to be produced and published as an integrated study without individual section covers or binding. The Army member considered these factors would probably remove any further objections by Army to the three section treatment of Chapter IX.

3. F.O.A. Request for NIS

The Chairman reported that he held a meeting with FOA and OGD/CIA representatives on 3 September 1954 relative to FOA developing a broader justification for NIS which would more clearly inform the control and security officials in the Armed Forces Agencies of the basic intelligence requirements needed by FOA to carry out its world-wide mission (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 176). As a result of that meeting, FOA prepared a new justification for NIS under date of 7 September 1954, copies of which were distributed to the members. The Chairman expressed the hope that the new justification would be acceptable and urged the members to consult personally with their control and security officials with the view to obtaining the release of requested NIS to FOA by the next meeting.

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4. SEC Forecast

In considering the SEC forecast of NIS Areas requiring scientific intelligence coverage (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 176), the Committee concluded that Chapter VII and their related Sections 17 should be prepared on all areas in which there is a substantial scientific potential. In the opinion of the Committee it would be inappropriate to use Sections 17 as the sole means of fulfilling the scientific intelligence requirements for these areas. Further discussion of the problem was deferred until the next meeting.

5. Production Planning Schedule

The Chairman requested the views of the members on the procedure for developing a long range production planning schedule in accordance with the plan discussed at the last meeting. The State member reported that this matter had been taken up at State and the various divisions concerned have been requested to submit a list of priorities by chapters and areas for the future, looking ahead three years (including 1956). He estimated it would take about a month to develop. The other members agreed that a planning schedule covering a period of three years (including 1956) would be feasible. The date of 12 October 1954 was set as the time for getting in first drafts on the long range production planning schedule which would include maintenance aspects.

6. Removal of Control on Chapter IX, NIS 22

The Chairman read a memorandum from the Chapter IX Coordinator requesting the removal of "US OFFICIALS ONLY" control from Chapter IX of NIS 22. The Committee members reported the approval of their agencies to this request. The Chairman said the control statement would be removed from this Chapter IX before publication.

7. Numbering of NIS Section Covers

The Chairman said he had examined the problem of numbering NIS section covers (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 175) and found the most practical method to be the use of a hand numbering machine. This would require additional work and should not be done unless there is a wide spread need for serial numbers. He requested the members to consult with their dissemination offices to determine if there was sufficient need for section numbering to warrant the expense of doing it.

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8. Petroleum Intelligence Requirements

The Chairman reported that an examination of the NIS petroleum intelligence requirements had been made in accordance with decision reached at NIS Committee Meeting No. 171. A working group had explored the problem of developing an augmented Section 62 C to take the place of Supplement V. The D/B staff had then made a further examination of the problem. It appears that Supplements V should be produced and maintained on important petroleum areas, but that the geological requirements under exploration and development should be reduced considerably. It further appears that Section 62 C Outline should be changed to permit inclusion of a production subsection and the transfer of strategic supply aspects to the A. General. Taking into account these considerations, the D/B staff prepared a revised Outline for Section 62 C, copies of which were given to the members for review by their agencies. 11

The Chairman proposed that the ^{25X6A} FY 1955 production schedule for Supplements V include Peru, Brazil, [REDACTED] as presently scheduled, but omit France and India which would be covered only by Section 62 C. This would complete initial coverage of Supplement V. He further proposed that maintenance of this Supplement commence with FY 1956 on three areas: Venezuela, Arabian Peninsula, and Iran. Revision of Supplements V would be undertaken only on those sections which required maintenance. Under these proposals no changes are contemplated in the FY 1955 and 1956 production schedules of Section 62 C. The Chairman requested these proposals be reviewed by the agencies and considered at the next meeting of the Committee. ^{25X6A}

9. Treatment of [REDACTED]

^{25X6A} The State member noted that State had submitted a proposal at NIS Committee Meeting No. 149 (21 April 1953) for a separate treatment of the [REDACTED] under designation NIS 13-III. The Committee tabled the proposal pending the examination of the question of partial treatment of NIS areas and the development of a policy on the matter. Since State ^{25X6A} is now faced with production requirement for Chapters IV, V and VI on [REDACTED] the State member requested the Committee to reconsider the proposal at this time.

The Chairman requested the members to consider this proposal and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting. He said in considering the matter it should be noted that State has omitted treatment ^{25X6A} [REDACTED] in sections so far produced on Chapters IV and V ^{25X6A} [REDACTED]

10. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 21 September 1954. ^{25X1A9a}

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